

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A file transfer system, comprising:
 - a file management server comprising a web page configured to manage a transfer of files and to allow the files to be accessed subject to a first password through the web page;
 - a file transmitting terminal configured to store a file and a second password for accessing the file, the second password being associated with the file;
 - a file receiving terminal; and
 - a mobile terminal,wherein
 - said file management server, said file transmitting terminal, said file receiving terminal, and the mobile terminal are connected to each other via a network;
 - said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit, to said file management server, the file and the second password as a part of an authentication condition for accessing the file, through the web page;
 - said file management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the file and the second password transmitted from said file transmitting terminal;
 - said mobile terminal is configured to transfer an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is permitted to access the file, to said file management server through the web page;
 - said file management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the address of said particular file receiving terminal with the file;
 - said file receiving terminal is configured to transmit to said file management server a request for transferring the file; and

in response to the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal, if an address of said file receiving terminal and the address of the particular file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, said file management server is configured to transfer the file to said file receiving terminal.

2. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authorization condition corresponding to said file is said second password for accessing said file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a password transmitted with said request by said file receiving terminal matches said second password transmitted by said file transmitting terminal, transmit said file to said file receiving terminal.

3. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authorization condition is one or more user IDs that are authorized to access said file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request by said file receiving terminal is included in said one or more user IDs transmitted by said file transmitting terminal, transmit said file to said file receiving terminal.

4. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authorization condition is the membership of a group that is authorized to access said file; and

said file management server is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request by said file receiving terminal is a member of said group, transmit said file to said file receiving terminal.

5. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit an effective period corresponding to said file;

said file management server is configured to store the corresponding effective period with said file; and

said file management server is configured to, if the corresponding effective period has expired, prohibit said file from being transmitted.

6. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said file management server is configured to, if the corresponding effective period has expired, delete said file.

7. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit an effective number of transfers corresponding to said file;

said file management server is configured to store the corresponding effective number of transfers with said file; and

said file management server is configured to, if the number of transfers of said file reaches the corresponding effective number of transfers, prohibit said file from being transmitted.

8. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said file management server is configured to, if the number of transfers of said file reaches the corresponding effective number of transfers, delete said file.

9. (Previously Presented) The file transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mobile terminal is configured to acquire the address of said file receiving terminal and to transmit the address to said file management server;

said file management server is configured to store the address of said file receiving terminal transmitted from said mobile terminal; and

said file management server is configured to, in response to said request for transmitting said file from said file receiving terminal, transmit the file to said file receiving terminal if the address of said file receiving terminal matches the stored address.

10. (Previously Presented) The transfer system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file receiving terminal is configured to print or to store, in a recording medium, said file received from said file management server.

11. (Currently Amended) A file management server connected to a file transmitting terminal, a file receiving terminal, and a mobile terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data with an external apparatus via said network;

a display unit configured to display a web page for transmitting files;

a first storage unit configured to store a file and a second password as part of an authorization condition for accessing said file, the file and the second password being

transmitted by the file transmitting terminal and the second password being associated with the file;

a second storage unit configured to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is to be allowed to access the file with the file, the address being transmitted from the mobile terminal through the web page; and

a file transferring unit configured to, in response to a request for transferring said file stored in said first storage unit from said file receiving terminal, transfer said file to said file receiving terminal if an address of said file receiving terminal and the address of the particular file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request for transferring said file is determined to include the second password.

12. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said authorization condition corresponding to said file is said second password for accessing said file; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a password transmitted with said request matches said second password stored in said first storage unit, transfer said file to said file receiving terminal.

13. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said authorization condition corresponding to said file is one or more user IDs; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request is included in said one or more user IDs stored in said first storage unit, transfer said file to said file receiving terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a third storage unit configured to store a group name and user IDs of group members;

wherein

said authorization condition stored in said first storage unit is said group name; and

said file transferring unit is configured to, if a user ID transmitted with said request is included in said group members, transfer said file to said file receiving terminal.

15. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said first storage unit is configured to further store an effective period of said file; and

said file transfer unit is configured to, if the effective period of said file has expired, avoid transferring said file to said file receiving terminal.

16. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 15, wherein said file transferring unit is configured to, if the effective period of said file has expired, delete said file.

17. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 11, wherein

said first storage unit is configured to further store an effective number of transfers of said file; and

said file transfer unit is configured to, if the number of transfers of said file reaches the effective number stored in said first storage unit, avoid transferring said file to said file receiving terminal.

18. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 17, wherein said file transferring unit is configured to, if the number of transfers of said file reaches the effective number, delete said file.

19. (Previously Presented) The file management server as claimed in claim 14, wherein

said second storage unit is configured to store the address of said file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal, and

said file transferring unit is configured to, in response to the request for transferring said file, said request transmitted from said file receiving terminal, only if the address of said file receiving terminal matches an address stored in said second storage unit, transmit said file to said file receiving terminal.

20. (Currently Amended) A file transfer method of an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

displaying a web page configured to transfer and to receive files;

storing a file and a second password as part of an authorization condition for accessing the file, the file and the second password being transmitted by said file transfer terminal through the web page[[,]] and the second password being associated with the file;

storing and correlatingly managing, by the information processing apparatus, an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is allowed to access the file with the file, the address being transmitted from a mobile terminal through the web page;

receiving a request for transmitting said file designated from a file receiving terminal;
and

in response to the request, transmitting, by the information processing apparatus, said file to said file receiving terminal if an address of said file receiving terminal and the address of the particular file receiving terminal transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request for transmitting said file is determined to include the second password.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having embedded therein instructions, which when executed by a processor causes the processor to perform the method of:

displaying a web page configured to transfer and to receive files;

storing a file and a second password as part of an authorization condition for accessing the file, the file and the second password being transmitted by said file transfer terminal through the web page[[,]] and the second password being associated with the file;

storing and correlatingly managing an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is to be allowed to access the file with the file, the address being transmitted from a mobile terminal through the web page;

receiving a request for transmitting said file designated from a file receiving terminal;
and

in response to the request, transmitting said file to said file receiving terminal if an address of said file receiving terminal and the address of the particular file receiving terminal

transmitted from the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request for transmitting said file is determined to include the second password.

22. (Previously Presented) An image forming system, comprising:

a stored document management server comprising a web page configured to manage a transfer of stored documents and to allow the stored documents to be accessed subject to a first password through the web page;

a first image forming apparatus configured to store a stored document and a second password for accessing the stored document, the second password being associated with the stored document;

a second image forming apparatus; and

a mobile terminal,

wherein

said stored document management server, said first image forming apparatus, said second image forming apparatus, and said mobile terminal are connected to each other via a network;

said first image forming apparatus is configured to transmit, to said stored document management server, said stored document and the second password as a part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored document, through the web page;

said stored document management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the transmitted stored document and the second password transmitted from the first image forming apparatus;

said mobile terminal is configured to transfer an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored document, to said stored document management server through the web page;

said stored document management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the address of said particular image forming apparatus with the stored document;

said second image forming apparatus is configured to transmit to said stored document management server a request for transferring the stored document; and

in response to the request transmitted by the second image forming apparatus, if an address of said second image forming apparatus and the address of the particular image forming apparatus transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request for transferring the stored document is determined to include the second password, said stored document management server is configured to transfer the stored document to said second image forming apparatus.

23. (Currently Amended) A stored document management server connected to a first image forming apparatus, a second image forming apparatus, and a mobile terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data with said first and second image forming apparatuses via said network;

a display unit configured to display a web page for transmitting stored documents;

a first storage unit configured to store a stored document and a second password as part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored document, the stored document and the second password being transmitted by the first image forming apparatus and the second password being associated with the stored document;

a second storage unit configured to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is to be allowed to access the stored document with the stored document, the address being transmitted from the mobile terminal through the web page; and

a stored document transferring unit configured to, in response to a request for transferring said stored document stored in said first storage unit from said second image forming apparatus, transfer said stored document to said second image forming apparatus if an address of said second image forming apparatus and the address of the particular image forming apparatus transmitted from the mobile terminal is determined to match, and if the request for transferring said stored document includes the second password.

24. (Currently Amended) An image forming system, comprising:

a first image forming apparatus configured to manage a transfer of stored documents and to allow the stored documents to be accessed subject to a first password, to store a stored document and a second password for accessing the stored document, and to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored document with the stored document, the stored document and the second password being transmitted by another image forming apparatus and the second password being associated with the stored document;

a user terminal; and

a second image forming apparatus;

wherein

said first image forming apparatus, said user terminal, and said second image forming apparatus are connected to each other via a network;

in response to a request from said user terminal, said first image forming apparatus is configured to, if the request from said user terminal is determined to include the second password, transmit said stored document and said second password as a part of an authorization condition for accessing the stored document to said second image forming apparatus; and

said second image forming apparatus is configured to store said stored document and said second password associated with the stored document and, if a received request for printing said stored document is determined to include said second password, to print said stored document.

25. (Previously Presented) An image forming system, comprising:

a first image forming apparatus configured to manage a transfer of stored documents and to allow the stored documents to be accessed subject to a first password, and to store a stored document and a second password for accessing the stored document, the second password being associated with the stored document;

a stored document management server;

a user terminal; and

a second image forming apparatus;

wherein

said first image forming apparatus, said stored document management server, said user terminal, and said second image forming apparatus are connected to each other via a network;

in response to a request from said user terminal, said first image forming apparatus is configured to, if the request from said user terminal is determined to include said second password, transmit said stored document and said second password as part of an authorization condition to said stored document management server;

said stored document management server is configured to store said stored document and said second password, and to store and to correlatingly manage an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored document with the stored document;

in response to a request for transmitting said stored document from said second image forming apparatus, said stored document management server is configured to transmit said stored document to said second image forming apparatus; and

said second image forming apparatus is configured to print said stored document transmitted from said stored document management server.

26. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected with another image forming apparatus via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data via said network, and, subject to a first password, to receive a stored document and a second password from said other image forming apparatus, the second password being transmitted by the other image forming apparatus and being associated with the stored document, and the other image forming apparatus being configured to store and correlatingly manage an address of a particular image forming apparatus that is permitted to access the stored document with the stored document;

a storage unit configured to store the stored document and the second password associated with the stored document as part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored document received from said other image forming apparatus;

an operations input unit; and

an image forming unit configured to, in response to reception of a request for printing said stored document, if the request for printing said stored document includes the second password, print said stored document.

27. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein

said image forming apparatus is further connected to a user terminal via said network;
and

said communication unit is configured to, in response to a transfer request from said user terminal, if said transfer request satisfies said authorization condition, transmit said stored document and said authorization condition stored in said storage unit to a destination.

28. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said transfer request includes said destination, the second password as said authorization information for accessing said stored document, and a registration code of said stored document that said communication unit has received from said user terminal via said network.

29. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein said transfer request includes said destination, said authorization condition for accessing said stored document, and a registration code of said stored document that are input by said operations input unit.

30. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus connected with a stored document management server and a user terminal via a network, comprising:

a communication unit configured to exchange data via said network, and, subject to a first password, to transmit a stored document and a second password to the stored document management server, the second password being associated with the stored document;

a storage unit configured to store a stored document and the second password associated with the stored document as a part of an authorization condition for accessing said stored document; and

an image forming unit configured to print said stored document;

wherein

said communication unit is configured to, in response to reception of a request for transmitting said stored document from said user terminal, transmit said stored document and said second password to said stored document management server, the stored document management server being configured to store and correlatingly manage an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is permitted to access the stored document with the stored document.